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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
PATENT EXAMINATION BRANCH

In Re application of:	)	
Richard Humpleman <i>et al.</i>	)	Examiner: Bashore, William L.
	)	
For: Method and Apparatus for a Home	)	Group Art Unit 2176
Network Auto-Tree Builder	)	
	)	Response to Final Office Action
Application No.: 10/797,738	)	dated November 29, 2006
	)	
Filed: March 10, 2004	)	

**REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 29, 2006**

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Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby responds to the final action of November 29, 2006, in the above-referenced patent application. Reconsideration, reexamination, and allowance of all the claims are requested in view of the following amendments and remarks. New matter has not been added. The amendments are to place the claims in better condition for allowance or appeal. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 01-1960. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed for that purpose.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.